

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the existing abstract presented on the last page of the application as filed under the heading “ABSTRACT” with the following:

The present invention relates to an intermediate composite part (1) designed for forming a composite reinforcement prosthesis and ~~comprising~~ including:

- i) a porous textile support (2) which includes an arrangement of threads each composed of at least one filament of nonabsorbable polymer material, said the textile support defining the free edge or edges (7) of the part, and
- ii) a hydrophilic absorbable material (3) covering said the textile support, at least on one side of the latter, extending across the surface of what is called a protected zone (4) and creating, on each side of the latter, two unprotected zones (5,6) of the textile support which are limited by said the free edges and are devoid of any of said the absorbable material.

It also relates to a process for preparing such a part.